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Smoke-free United Nations premises

The Economic and Social Council,

Noting with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General on the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control,[1]

Further noting with concern the serious harmful impact of second-hand smoke on the health of non-smokers,

Acknowledging that second-hand smoke at the workplace is a fully preventable occupational health hazard,

Recognizing that second-hand smoke has a variety of psychological and social aspects at the workplace that can lead, at the individual level, to disease, disability and death, higher risk of fire, increased family or social problems, stigmatization and discrimination,

Recalling article 8, "Protection from exposure to tobacco smoke", of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control,[2] which states that each party shall adopt and implement measures to provide "protection from exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor workplaces, public transport, indoor places and, as appropriate, other public places",

Emphasizing the importance of protecting the well-being of individuals in their working environments,

Recognizing the need to approach the issue from an occupational safety and health perspective with the aim of protecting the health of United Nations staff,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to implement a complete ban on smoking at United Nations premises, at Headquarters as well as regional and country offices;

[1] E/2006/62.
[2] World Health Assembly resolution 56.1.

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2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to implement a ban on the sale of tobacco products at United Nations premises;

3. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to submit at its substantive session of 2007 a brief report confirming the implementation of the present resolution.